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resin type weather resistant film to the thickness of the resin plate recited in claim 1. Moriva discloses that the film thereof is used to laminate the surfaces of plastic, rubber, metal plate, glass, wood, slate or other substrate, for the purpose of protecting or decorating the surface. See, col. 1, lines 7-17 of Moriya '164; col. 1, lines 10-20 of Moriya '472. The proposed modification cannot render the prior art unsatisfactory for its intended purpose. MPEP § 2143.01 (V). In the present case, an increase in the thickness of the film disclosed in Moriya to about 0.8 mm to about 5 mm would result in a film unsuitable to laminate the surfaces of plastic, rubber, metal plate, glass, wood, slate or other substrate, for the purpose of protecting or decorating the surface. In this regard, a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated modify the thickness of the film thereof to the thickness provided by the claimed resin plate.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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